THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) and (b) The National Strategy for the Development of Tourism prepared by the Department of Tourism enlists a number of activities to be taken up by various Departments of Government of India, State Governments, financial institutions and the private sector so as to achieve synergy in the development of tourism. The strategy includes integrated development of infrastructure including basic amenities, establishment of a few mega tourism resorts, product development and improvement of tourist facilitation services, human resource development, market research and marketing efforts.

The strategy also involves a package of incentives and facilities for attracting private investment in the tourism sector. Since the Planning Commission has not yet finalised the plan resources and allocations for the Ninth Plan, it has not been possible for them to take any decision on the investments proposed in the Strategy paper.

(c) There are no areas exclusively reserved either for domestic or for foreign investors.

News-Item Regarding Fraudulent Dealings in IDBI

2671. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news report appearing in the Indian Express, Bombay, dated January 15, 1996 under the caption "Fraudulent dealings in IDBI papers warrant concerned";

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any action to investigate the matter; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) have reported that as per the arrangement with Reserve Bank of India (RBI), IDBI used to issue interest warrants drawn on RBI in favour of the Bondholders and such interest warrants were invariably backed by corresponding advices to RBI. In December, 1994, it was brought to the notice of IDBI by Crime Branch, CID, Mumbai that two forged interest warrants dated November/December, 1994 for amount of about Rs. 3.25 crores have been presented for payment on IDBI's account with RBI. On verification, it was revealed that the said interest warrants were unauthorised instruments. IDBI also lodged a police complaint in April, 1995 and the investigation has not yet been completed.

जाली बीमे

2672. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव:**
श्री नागमणि:

क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश में जाली बीमें किये जा रहे हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान ऐसे कितने मामलों का पता लगाया गया है; और

(ग) ऐसे जाली बीमों को रोकने का दायित्व किन अधिकारियों को सौंपा गया था, तथा लापरवाही के लिए कितने अधिकारी दोषी पाये गये और इस मामले में क्या कार्रवाई की गई है?

वित्त मंत्री (श्री पी० चिदम्बरम): (क) से (ग) भारतीय जीवन बीमा निगम और भारतीय साधारण बीमा निगम द्वारा भेजी गई सूचना के अनुसार जब तक आवश्यक कागज पत्रों तथा दस्तावेजों सहित प्रीमियम प्राप्त नहीं होता और इनकी विधिवत जांच नहीं की जाती तब तक ये निगम कोई पालिसी जारी नहीं करते हैं, तथा किसी पालिसी को जारी करने का निर्णय सम्बन्धित अधिकारी द्वारा मौजूदा प्रक्रिया के तहत लिया जाता है। इस प्रक्रिया में किसी प्रकार की विमुखता को इसके लिए निर्धारित अनुशासनात्मक कार्रवाई के अन्तर्गत समझा जाता है। जीवन बीमा निगम में, पिछले तीन वर्षों के

दौरान उन व्यक्तियों के लिए, जो अस्तित्व में नहीं है, जारी की गई पालिसियों की संख्या वर्ष 1993-94, 1994-95 और 1995-96 के दौरान क्रमशः 30, 33 और 60 थी। इन जाली बीमों में एजेंट, विकास अधिकारी श्रेणी-I, II तथा III के कर्मचारी और चिकित्सा जांचकर्ता शामिल थे। कम्पनी के विनियमों में दी गई अनुशासनात्मक प्रक्रिया के अनुसार इन कर्मचारियों के विरूद्ध कार्रवाई की गई थी। भारतीय साधारण बीमा निगम द्वारा भेजी गई सूचना के अनुसार, जाली बीमा का कोई मामला कम्पनी के ध्यान में नहीं आया है।

इंडियन टोबाको कम्पनी पर सीमाशुल्क विभाग द्वारा छापा मारा जाना

2673. **श्री सूर्यभान पाटील वहाडणे:**
श्री राधवजी:

क्या **वित्त** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सीमाशुल्क विभाग ने 1996 में इंडियन टोबाको कम्पनी पर छापा मारा था; और यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ख) इस छापे में प्रारम्भिक जांच के दौरान क्या-क्या अनियमितताएं पायी गईं और इस संबंध में अब तक क्या कार्यवाही की गई है?

वित्त मंत्री (श्री पी॰ चिदम्बरम): (क) और (ख) विदेशी मुद्रा विनियमन अधिनियम, 1973 का उल्लंघन करने के संबंध में मैसर्स आई॰टी॰सी॰ लि॰ कलकत्ता के विरूद्ध प्रवर्तन निदेशालय द्वारा जांच की जा रही है। तथापि, 1996 में सीमा शुल्क विभाग द्वारा मैसर्स आई॰टी॰सी॰ पर कोई छापा नहीं मारा गया है।

Programme for Improving Working Environment of Offices of its Department

2674. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have initiated any programme for improving the working environment of the field offices of Income Tax Department in the country particularly those situated in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any training programme for the officers and the staff is also held to improve efficiency; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, A number of schemes for augmentation of infrastructure of the Income Tax Department have been implemented which have also benefitted the offices situated in Gujarat. An amount of Rs. 23.93 lakhs has been sanctioned exclusively for Gujarat region during the current financial year on account of amenities in Nadiad and Ahmadabad. 110 operational vehicles have been provided during the current financial year, out of which 11 have been allotted to Gujarat region. In addition, 77 new posts at CIT level have been created recently, out of which 5 have been allotted to Gujarat region.

(c) and (d) The training needs of officers and staff of the Income Tax Department are fulfilled mainly by the National Academy of Direct Taxes, Nagpur, 4 Regional Training Institutes and 22 Ministerial Staff Traning Units. The officers/staff of Gujarat region are trained by the Regional Training Institute, Mumbai and the Ministerial Staff Training Units located at Baroda and Ahmedabad. During the current year, 909 employees of the Gujarat region have been imparted training in various disciplines.

DD Centres/AIR Stations set up in Disturbed/Border Areas

2675. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Doordarshan Centres/AIR Stations set up in the distrubed areas/border areas in the country;

(b) the steps taken by Government to increase AIR and Doordarshan Kendras in those areas; and